(b) it so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Punjab State Marketing Federation submitted two applications for substantial expansion of their unit at Khanna—one from 50 TPD to lOO' TPD and tha other from 50 TPD to 150 TPD. The applications were examined. The first application has been *prima-facie* rejected. The second application stands finally rejected.

The Federation has made a representation which is under active consideration.

Development of tourism in the ccantry

*187. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRA-VARTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pieased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Com mittes set up by the Government for evol ving a perspective plan for the develop ment bf tourism in the country has since submitted its report;

(b) If so, whether Government have examined the findings oj: the report; and

(c) what are the detail's in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF ■TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KI-DWAI) : (a) The National Committee on Tourism set up to formulate a long-term perspective plan for Tourism sector is ex-pected to submit its report by the end of May, 1988.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of edible oils in the country

*188. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPEN-DRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleasd to state:

(a) whether there is a serious shortage Of edibie oil_s in the country leading to an abnormal increase in its price; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve its supplies and to reduce its price ?

THI! MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the gap between demand and supply of indigenous edible oils, the following steps have been taken by Government;

(i) Better supply management of imported, edibie oils in respect of States| Union Territories for PDS as well as) or vanaspati industry.

(ii) States have been advised repeated, ly to take stringent action against spe-culators, hoarders and other anti-social elements.

(iii) Voluntary price agreement with vanaspati industry and discussions withi oil industry.

(iv) Credit control for edibie oilseeds| oils has tighened with effect from 15.7.87 smd stock limit of edibie oils and oilseed's has been reduced under the Pulses, Edibie Oilseeds and Edibie oils (Storage Control) Order 1977.

Telecast of sponsored programmes

*189. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pieased to state whether Doordarshan propose to' gradually phase out the telecast of the sponsored programmes made by outside producers by producing these programmes itself; if so what ar© the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER. OF INFORMATION AND BROADCAS-ING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): It is the long term objective of Doordarshan to'